Statement

Outstanding liabilities of Government of Maharashtra for the year 2004-05 (BE)

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	Items	Amount
1.	Internal Debt	55312
	(of which Special Securities issued to NSSF)	(32230)
2.	Loans and Advances from Central Government	19002
3.	Provident Funds etc.	9800
	TOTAL DEBT:	84114

Restriction on import of scrap iron

2823. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to restrict the import of scarp iron because of security concern; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to notify it immediately to save human life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM) : (a) The Government have issued instructions to streamline the import of metallic waste and scrap taking into consideration the national security.

(b) The import of metallic waste and scrap in unshredded, compressed and loose form permitted through specific ports, is notified in para 2.32 of the provisions of Handbook of Procedures, Volume I, 2004—09 as amended. The procedure for clearance of such metallic waste and scrap has also been issued by Central Board of Excise and Customs *vide* circular No. 56/2004-Cus, dated 18.10.2004, as amended.